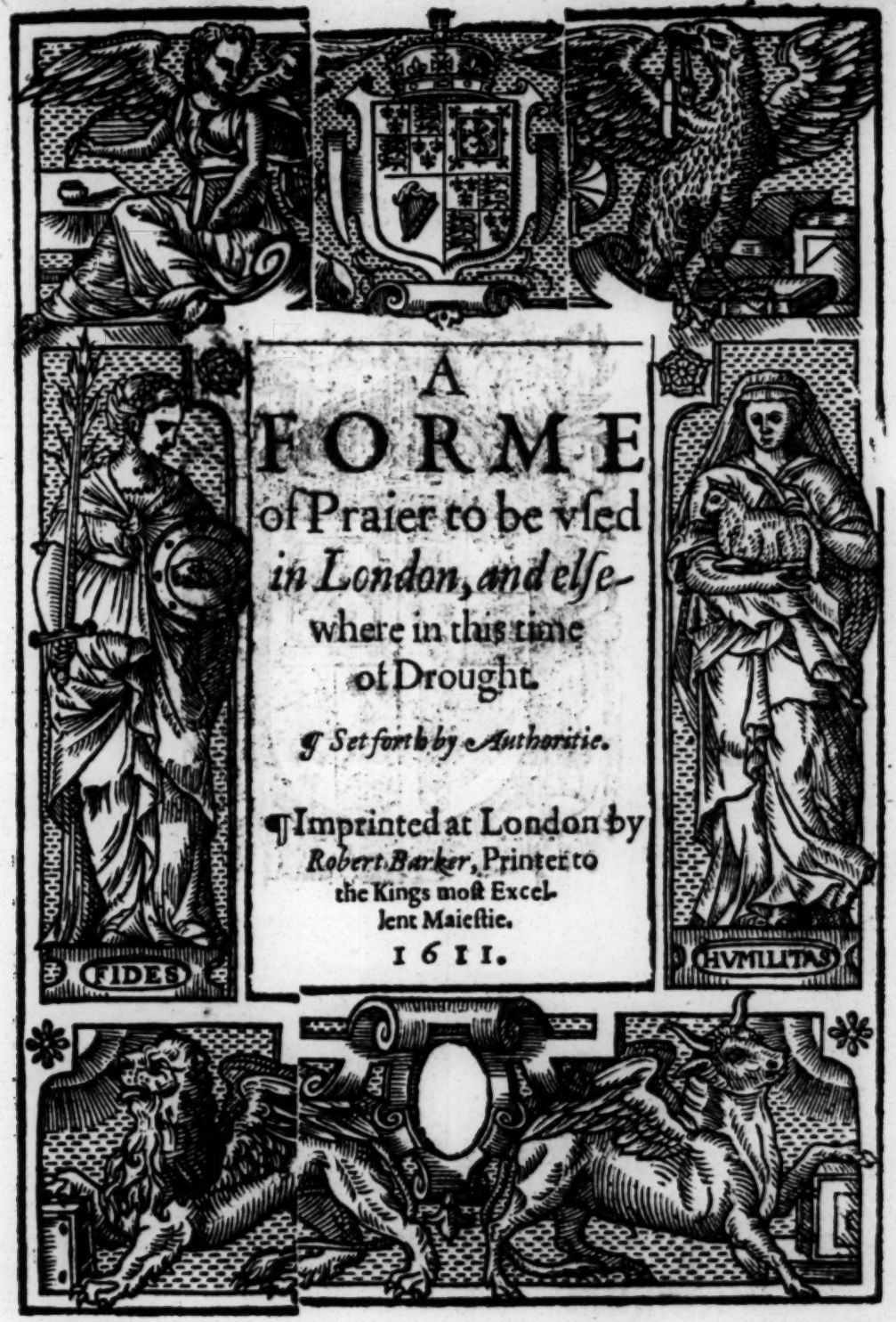

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¶ A forme of Prayer to be vsed in London, and elsewhere, in this time of Drought.

At Morning Prayer after the 95. Psalme, **O come let vs Sing vnto the Lord, &c.** Reade the 105. Psalme, and the 107. Psalme.

For the first Lesson, the 26. of Leuiticus, or Deuteron. 28.

For the second Lesson, the 24. of Matthew, or the 11. of the Acts of the Apostles.

After the Collect, **O Lord our heauenly Father, Almighty and euerlasting God, &c.** say this Praier.

O Almightie God, for as much as wee are taught by thy Word, that when thine anger is kindled against vs for our sinnes, among other pu-

nishments thou doest shat vp the Heauen, that there may bee no Raine, and causest that the earth may yeeld no fruite: Wee humbly confesse this immoderat Drought, to be inflicted vpon vs for our disobedience vnto thee, and thy holy Commandements, which we haue often violated with contempt of thy Sacred Maiestie, we are sorry for these our transgressions, wee mourne that we haue straied from thy paths of Righteousnesse, and do beseech thee to haue mercy vpon vs, and not to punish vs with thy scorching and burning furie; Our fruitfull land is at this time like to become a barren place, and the labour of our handes is almost spoiled for want of thy good blessing, in sending downe moderate and seasonable showers. But, Father of all mercies, and God of consolation, bee mercifull vnto vs, and as thou hast bene prouoked by our

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manifold sinnes, so be pacified with our feeling and vnfained Repentance, mitigate thy iust iudgement by thine aboundant, (although vndeserued) Mercie: Vouchsafe so to mollifie our stony and hard hearts, that we may be truely humbled in thy sight, And thou remembring the riches of thy loue towards vs in thy Sonne Christ, mayest bee gracious vnto vs, and powre out of the Heauens such moderate and temperate Showers, that we may enioy the ordinary increase of the earth, and may loue and praise thy Name through the mediation of thy Sonne, and our Sauiour Iesus Christ.

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Then reade the Letany, where after the Prayer, **Almighty and everlasting God, which onely worketh great marueiles, &c.** say this Prayer.

Eternall God, who hast created ỹ world by thy mighty power, and by thy great prouidence doest rule and guide all thyngs therein contained for the good of man; Ordayning thy creatures sometimes to bee instruments of thy Loue and Mercie vnto vs, to stirre vs vp vnto Thankefulnesse, and sometimes declarers of thine anger and fury against vs for our sinnes, to humble vs, mortifie vs, and to bring vs vnto true and serious Repentance: Wee Wretched and sinfull creatures, humbly prostrated before thy glorious Maiestie, acknowledge thy blessings vpon

vpon our Land, in making it in great aboundance to bring foorth the bud of the hearbe, and of euery greene and liuing thing according to his kinde, to haue bene at sundry times exceedingly multiplied. For these thy Mercies our mouthes should haue bene filled with the voyce of vncessant Prayse and Thankesgiuing: wee should haue offered vp our selues, our soules, our bodies, and our whole man as a reasonable sacrifice vnto thy diuine Maiestie, all the dayes of our life: But such hath bene our blindnesse in beholding thine innumerable benefits, our dulnesse in meditating vpon them, and so horrible our ingratitude, that the more thou hast powred downe thy fauours vpon vs, the more haue wee multiplied our sinnes, abusing thy good gifts vnto riot, luxurie, wantonnesse, and vnto all kinde of intemperance. Most righteous God,

so grieuous are our transgressi-ons, that thou art iustly angrie with vs, and now doest manifest this thy displeasure, in shutting vp the Windowes of Heauen, and in hardening them as iron, or brasse, in scattering the Cloudes, and com-manding them that they drop not vpon the drie and thirstie earth, euen parched with the heate of thine indignation. We haue a liue-ly sense and feeling of this thy hea-uie displeasure kindled against vs, We groane vnder the burthen of our manifolde sinnes and trans-gressions, Which terrifie vs from approching vnto thy Tribunall to begge any thing at thy hand; But yet because such is thy gracious goodnesse towards the sonnes of men, that by thy Prophet Zachary thou hast mercifully promised vs: Aske you of the Lord Raine in the time of the later Raine, so shall the Lord make White clouds, and giue

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you showers of Raine, and to euery one grasse in the fielde: Wee acknowledging our vnworthinesse, and onely relying vpon thine infinite Mercies, do presume to powre out our humble supplications before thee, and with lowly, contrite and broken hearts, doe beseech thee, That thou wouldest heare our Prayers, as thou diddest sometimes the earnest supplications of Helias: Who prayed, and the Heauens gaue Raine, and the earth brought forth fruit. It hath pleased thee (most Gracious God) to promise by the mouth of thy seruant Moses vnto Israel, That if that people would hearken vnto thy Commandements, and loue thee, and serue thee with all their heart, and with all their soule, that thou wouldest giue raine vnto that Land in due time, the first Raine, and the later, that they might gather in thy wheat and thine Oyle,

and that thou wouldest send grasse in their fieldes for cattell, that they might eate ynough : And againe vnto the same people by thy Prophet Hosea, That vpon their true Repentance, and vnfained turning vnto thee, thou wouldest heare the heauens, and they should heare the earth, and the earth should heare the grasse, the Corne and the Oyle, and wouldest haue Mercie vpon them that were not pitied.

Mercifull Father, with an humble confession of our former ingratitude and vnthankefulnesse, a loathing and hatred of our transgressions committed with a high hand against thy sacred Maiestie, with a serious purpose of walking in the wayes which thou hast commanded vs, with bitter mourning and heartie Repentance we turne vnto thee. Turne then vnto vs, most mercifull Father, extend thy great goodnes and compassion towards

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vs, and not onely ſprinckle our conſciences with the dew of thy grace, but alſo outwardly powre downe thy fruit-bringing Showres, that we may taſte and ſee, how gracious thou art in the ſeaſonable yeeld of the earth: to the honour of thy great Name, and the comfortable refreſhing of thy ſeruants, for the merits of thy Sonne Jeſus Chriſt our onely Lord and Sauiour.

¶ At Euening prayer,

Reade the 78. Pſalme, in ſteade of the Pſalmes appointed for the day.

For the firſt Leſſon, reade 1. Kings 18. or Ioel the firſt Chapter.

For the ſecond Leſſon, reade Iames 5. or Apocal. 6.

Before the Collect, **Lighten our darkneſſe, &c.** Reade the former prayer, **O eternall God, who haſt created, &c.**